

ESF Coordinator

Stillwater County Disaster and Emergency
Services

Support Agencies

NGOs Operating within Stillwater County
Additional Agencies as Determined by Individual
Incident Needs

Primary Agencies

City of Columbus Government
Stillwater County Government

Introduction

Purpose

Emergency Support Function (ESF) #14 Long Term Recovery provides a mechanism for coordinating local, state and federal support and assistance to the local governments and jurisdictions within and including Stillwater County to enable community recovery from the long-term consequences of disasters and emergencies. ESF #14 accomplishes this by identifying and facilitating the availability of sources of recovery funding and providing technical assistance for community recovery and recovery planning.

Scope

ESF #14—Long Term Recovery is activated during or following disasters or emergencies with a declaration from the city, town or county government to address significant, long term impacts to foster sustainable, whole community recovery focused on infrastructure and services critical to the community.

Individuals, government departments, agencies and outside NGO assistance involved in ESF #`14 will vary greatly depending on the impacts, magnitude and type of incident.

Policies

ESF #14 Policies

Stillwater County Disaster and Emergency Service (SC DES) serves as the ESF Coordinator for ESF #14 throughout the disaster or emergency. SC DES activates ESF #14 based on potential for long-term fiscal, infrastructure and/or services impacts detrimental to community welfare.

Political jurisdictions or political subdivisions affected by the disaster serve as the Primary Agencies for ESF #14. This includes all departments, agencies and associated government organizations within political jurisdictions or subdivisions.

The Coordinator of Disaster and Emergency Services, or his/her designee may act in a support/coordinating manner through the long-term recovery of the whole community. The Coordinator may perform this function with the County, cities or town government entities to assist with the

coordination between levels of government during an emergency or disaster. This is meant to facilitate a smooth interaction between local, county, state and federal government agencies, departments and other associated parts and does not constitute any financial support from Stillwater County other than the time and expertise of the Coordinator of Disaster and Emergency Services and personnel from the SC DES.

Support is tailored based on the type, extent, and duration of the incident and long-term recovery period, and on the availability of resources. ESF #14 is not a funding entity but facilitates the identification, coordination, and use of resources to support long-term recovery.

ESF #14 is concentrated on addressing significant, long term impacts to foster sustainable, whole community recovery focused on infrastructure and services critical to the community.

Concept of Operations

General

ESF #14 provides the coordination mechanisms to access support for local governments' and NGO assessment of the long-term recovery needs in the impacted areas and exchange assessment information among departments and agencies at various levels of government.

SC DES organizes the ESF staff and support agencies based upon the core functional areas described in succeeding paragraphs. ESF #14 organizes and provides coordination and technical support for long-term recovery of the local jurisdiction(s).

Identified long-term recovery projects focused on infrastructure and services critical to the community will be managed by the local (county, city, town, NGOs) jurisdiction with assistance from SC DES as needed and agreed to by Stillwater County.

Support agencies will provide assistance under the Incident Command System (ICS) in place to the ESF Coordinator and Primary Agencies in line with their mission, functions and capacity.

Table 14-1. Functional Categories and Responsibilities

| | ESF Primary Agency | ESF Responsibilities |
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| Coordination | SC DES | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinate needs with state and federal government agencies to enhance long-term recovery efforts on behalf of the local jurisdiction and/or NGOs.• Convene multi-disciplinary recovery expertise to provide strategic guidance and planning for long-term recovery efforts.• Identify and address long-term recovery issues, including those that fall between existing mandates of departments or levels of local government.• Avoid duplication of assistance by providing a single point of contact to state and federal government agencies during a disaster or emergency within Stillwater County or the cities/towns within County boundaries. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate application processes and planning requirements to streamline the assistance processes and identify and coordinate resolution of policy and program issues. • Identify programs and activities across the public, private and non-profit sectors that support long-term recovery and promote coordination between programs. • Identify appropriate programs and agencies to support implementation of comprehensive long-term community planning and identify gaps in available resources. • Identify appropriate programs and agencies to support and facilitate continuity of long-term recovery activities. |
| Technical Support | SC DES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with all levels of government(s), NGOs and private sector organizations to support long-term recovery planning for impacted communities. • Strategically apply subject matter expertise to help communities recover from disasters. |

Organization—Response Structure

ESF #14 operates under the direction of SC DES. SC DES will identify and provide a coordinator based on the assistance needed for an incident requiring the activation of ESF #14. An appropriate coordinator will be assigned based on the impacts, magnitude and type of incident and subject matter expertise appropriate to the situation.

When an incident or incidents require assistance from more than one of the ESF functions, or activation of multiple ESFs from this EOP, SC DES may delegate leading individual functions to ad-hoc emergency employees. Ad-hoc emergency employees provide a regional point of contact that represents ESF #14 in its dealings with any Unified Command Group or political jurisdiction. The Coordinator of the SC DES may supervise ad-hoc emergency employees.

Actions and Responsibilities

Table 14-2. Actions and Responsibilities

| Functional Category | Actions and Responsibilities |
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| General | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If advanced warning is available ESF #14 may provide early identification of projects that can be quickly implemented, especially to reduce impacts to critical facilities. • Collaborates with other activated ESFs in a way that facilitates long-term recovery including assessment of impacts and needs. |

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| Coordination | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convenes multi-disciplinary teams to develop incident-specific action plans that support community recovery and mitigation activities and avoid the duplication of requests for government assistance.• Facilitates sharing of information among government and non-government entities as needed for long-term recovery.• Coordinates identification of appropriate programs to support implementation of long-term community recovery.• Coordinates with ESFs, governmental departments and agencies and non-governmental bodies as needed to identify long-term recovery needs specific to the needs of the affected populations and incorporate these into recovery and restoration strategies.• Facilitates recovery decision making across ESFs and political jurisdictions. |
| Technical Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May provide technical assistance to local governments (county, city, towns) in their own long-term recovery processes or interactions with State and Federal agencies as a result of a disaster or emergency as requested and available. |

Signatures

We, the undersigned, understand our roles and responsibilities as outline in ESF #14.

Carol Arkell, Coordinator
Stillwater County Disaster and Emergency Services

The signatures on the promulgation documents at the beginning of the EOP will suffice as signatures from the local political jurisdictions.